

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
OFFICE ON AGING**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**Fiscal Year 2013 Senior Transportation  
Program Grant**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Office on Aging (DCOA) is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to operate the Washington Elderly Handicapped Transportation Service (WEHTS). WEHTS provides quality curb-to-curb service for District residents 60 years and older to essential medical and life sustaining appointments. Additional service components include administration and operation of the Call-N-Ride taxicab voucher program and Home Delivered Meals (HDM) Program. The Request for Application (RFA) will seek an organization to operate the WEHTS program, currently located at 2601 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Federal and District of Columbia appropriated funds are available for a single or collaborative applicant organization to operate one or up to four transportation services. There is no matching grant requirement; however, successful applicant(s) must use participant contributions in the implementation of the program.

Applicants who apply for this RFA must design services to meet a variety of evolving needs of the city's diverse elderly population, especially older individuals with the greatest economic and social needs, with particular emphasis on low-income minority populations. The successful applicant will manage its fleet and implement programs and services that remove barriers for seniors with disabilities, while connecting them to affordable and gap-filling transportation services that enhance their physical, social and emotional well-being through connectivity to sites and activities in and around the city.

**Service Areas**

Applicants responding to this RFA shall be responsible for delivering transportation services to the target population in four service areas:

- ❖ *Service Area One: Essential Medical and Sites and Activities Transportation;*
- ❖ *Service Area Two: Transportation of Home Delivered Meal Service;*
- ❖ *Service Area Three: Call In Ride Coupon Transportation Program; and*
- ❖ *Service Area Four: Transportation of Home Delivered Meals*

## Priority Services

Applicant's responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- ensuring safe and reliable transportation operation with as few black-out dates as possible.
- providing essential medical and life-sustaining transportation daily for a minimum of 1,250 seniors and persons with disabilities;
- providing approximately 7,000 one-way trips per month;
- transporting at minimum 519 enrolled participants daily to four (4) adult day centers;
- transporting enrolled seniors at 40 weekday congregate nutrition meal sites located in eight wards including seniors who are hearing and visually impaired to sites and activities;
- transporting approximately 60 seniors to a city-wide weekend congregate nutrition meal site in Ward 7;
- coordinating voucher services with other local transportation providers to use or purchase transport services provided by the applicant for a minimum of 125 seniors;
- coordinating and implementing weekday and weekend meal delivery services for 360 homebound seniors;
- developing senior-friendly service enhancements and innovations that provide access and ease in using transportation;
- establishing an ongoing process to keep seniors informed and aware of transportation options, as well as, rider subsidy programs; and

Non-profit organizations with places of business within the physical boundaries of the District of Columbia are eligible to apply. For-profit organizations with places of business within the physical boundaries of the District of Columbia are also eligible to apply, but must not include profit in their grant application.

The RFA will be released on May 10, 2013. The application submission deadline is June 10, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. E.D.T. The RFA will also be available on the Office on Aging's website, [www.dcoa.dc.gov](http://www.dcoa.dc.gov) and on the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's website, [www.opgd.dc.gov](http://www.opgd.dc.gov).

A Pre-Application Conference will be held May 15, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at the DC Office on Aging headquarters located at 500 K Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. To register, contact Aurora Delespin-Jones, Program Analyst at (202)727-6405 or email to [aurora.delespin-jones@dc.gov](mailto:aurora.delespin-jones@dc.gov).